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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PEREZ'S STATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

1. AFTER RECEIVING WORD THAT VENEZUELAN MINES MINISTER VALENTIN HERNANDEZ HAD BEEN MADE A HOSTAGE ALONG WITH OTHER OPEC MINISTERS IN VIENNA, PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM DURING A BREAK IN HIS MEETING WITH COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ MICHELSEN ON THE BORDER WITH COLOMBIA IN DECEMBER 21.

2. QUOTE. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT WHAT IS AT STAKE HERE IS SOMETHING OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE, AND THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO REACH AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT AGAINST TERRORISM. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO PROPOSE THIS TO THE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE IN A POSITION TO DECIDE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ACCORD. I WOULD LIKE TO RECALL THAT UNTIL RECENTLY WE LIVED UNDER COMPLETE INSECURITY WITH REGARDS TO AIR TRAVEL. AIRPLANES WERE BEING HIJACKED DAILY. WHEN THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, SIGNED AN AGREEMENT, THIS PUT AN END TO AIR PIRACY. I AM SURE THAT IF THE UNITED STATES, EUROPE, RUSSIA, AND CHINA COLLABORATED ON AN AGREEMENT AGAINST TERRORISM, WE COULD PUT AN END TO THIS SITUATION OF SUCH GRAVE INSECURITY WHICH IS CAUSING UNMEASURABLE PROBLEMS OF

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SECURITY AND WHICH WE ARE SEEING IN THE PRESENT SITUATION IN VIENNA.

UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: THE GOV HAS, IN FACT, SIGNED BUT NOT RATIFIED THE
TOKYO, HAGUE AND MONTREAL ANTI-HIJACKING CONVENTIONS. FURTHERMORE,
THE GOV HAS NOT SIGNED THE 1973 UN CONVENTION ON THE PRESENTION
AND PUNISHMENT OF CRIMES AGAINST INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED PERSONS.
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